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For: INVERTIBLE EMULSIONS STABILISED BY
AMPHIPHILIC POLYMERS AND APPLICATION
TO BORE FLUIDS

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First PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application,
Applicants hereby request the following:

AMENDMENTS:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application. Please amend claims 2-11 in the
following manner:

2. (Amended) The polymer of claim 1, wherein the n-alkylamine is a di-n-alkylamine.
3. (Amended) The polymer of claim 2, wherein the di-n-alkylamine is di-n-dodecylamine.
4. (Amended) The polymer of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic polymer backbone is a
homopolymer or copolymer based on monomers selected from acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, or